

BEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, July 17, 2015

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: City of Carpinteria, Council Hearing Room
5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA. 93013

Item	1	Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions – Jon Sharkey.
Minutes/ Actions:		Directors Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jon Sharkey (City of Port Hueneme) • John Zaragoza (County of Ventura) • Janet Woolf (County of Santa Barbara) • Gregg Hart (City of Santa Barbara) • Fred Shaw (City of Carpinteria) • Carmen Ramirez, (City of Oxnard) • Christy Weir (City of Ventura)
Item	2	Approval of Agenda and Filing of Certificate of Agenda Posting Action: Approve and file
Minutes/ Actions:		Approved.
Item	3	Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the BEACON Meetings held on March 26, 2015. Action: Approve and file.
Minutes/ Actions:		Approved.
Item	4	BEACON Officers. Action: Selection of BEACON Chair and Vice-Chair for FY2015-2016.
Minutes/ Actions:		Janet Woolf (2nd District Supervisor from County of Santa Barbara) was voted in as Chair. Jon Sharkey (Councilmember from the City of Port Hueneme) was voted in as Vice-Chair.

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Item	5	Public Comment and Other Matters not on the Agenda a. Receive public comments.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Ready, Legal Counsel, explained that there was a difference of opinion re whether a super majority vote of the Board should be 7/10 or 8/10. Ventura County Auditor Controller suggested that per Govt Code 53065, a super majority vote required 8/10 votes. Kevin cited Govt Code 53065 (b) which says that this section does not apply to a <u>district including two or more counties</u>. Therefore, County Budget Act provisions do not apply to BEACON, including the supermajority vote requirement for budget revisions. Likewise, BEACON is not a dependent special district. It is therefore County Counsel's opinion that fiscal rules applicable to BEACON are the same as any joint powers agency. Absent a statutory provision or local by-law requiring supermajority voting, a simple majority vote is sufficient for approval of budget matters. • Charlie Casperie of the Solomar Beach Colony indicated that beach nourishment should be a priority for BEACON in light of seal level rise projections. Charlie indicated he noticed that the permits for BEACON SCCBEP had expired and that a new model for this program was now under consideration.

Item	6	Reports a. Reports from legislative offices. b. Boating and Waterways. c. Cal Coast.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Aceti, Executive Director of CalCoast provided an update of his agencies activities. Steve explained that CalCoast was formed in 1998 is a non-profit advocacy group comprised of 35 coastal cities; five counties; SANDAG, BEACON and SCAG; private sector partners and NGOs, committed to protecting and restoring California's coastline through beach sand restoration, increasing the flow of natural sediment to the coast, wetlands recovery, improved water quality, watershed management and the reduction of marine debris and plastic pollution. • CalCoast has sponsored or supported legislation, budget requests and bond measures (Propositions 12, 13, 40, 50 and 84) that have raised billions of dollars in state and federal funding for beaches, wetlands, clean water and parks. In 1999, we sponsored the California Public Beach Restoration Act (AB 64-Ducheny), which created the state's first fund for beach nourishment projects. • The Mission of CalCoast is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Advocate in Sacramento for coastal communities and coastal stakeholders by maintaining existing programs and creating new ones through policies and legislation. ✓ Support policies and programs which promote the preservation, protection, and restoration of California's watersheds, wetlands, coastline and ocean. ✓ Spread awareness of the importance of well-maintained coastal resources to state and local economies, recreation, habitat for endangered species, and quality of life. ✓ Serve as a liaison and information clearinghouse for coastal cities and counties and regional governance agencies, such as SANDAG, SCAG, BEACON, AMBAG and ABAG, as well as coastal NGOs.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborate with advocacy and technical partners, such as the California Shore and Beach Preservation Association (CSBPA), the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA), Environment California, the Planning and Conservation League (PCL), the California League of Conservation Voters (CLVC), Surfrider Foundation, and other NGOs on legislation of importance to the environment. ✓ Committed to providing a cutting-edge forum for coast and ocean science and policy through the annual "Headwaters to Ocean (H2O) Conference."
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Item	7	<p>Auditor Controller's Recommended Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Receive and file the Unadjusted Budget-to-Actual report for the year-to-date period ending June 30, 2015 (Exhibit 1). b. Receive and file the Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2013 and 2014 (Exhibit 2). c. Authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to make budgetary adjustments as follows: (requires 7/10th vote): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INCREASE Other Professional and Specialized \$ 7,000 DECREASE Contingency \$ 7,000
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Terri Tozier of the Auditor Controller's Office provided a verbal presentation of the Action Items. • Director Christy Weir requested some background and justification for the FY1415 expenditures for the COM3 Consulting Contract. Executive Director Brennan explained that Gerald Comati, who serves as the Program Manager for BEACON, works for COM3 Consulting. The COM3 contract is the largest services contract since to provide overall management for all BEACON activities. • Without further discussion, the Board approved all Actions with a unanimous (7/10) vote.

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Item	8	<p>Update to CRSMP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Receive a report from the Executive Director recommending strategy to develop an adaptation planning and policy toolkit for member agencies, and to update BEACON's Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan (CRSMP) to address sea level rise and coastal resilience and support of member agencies. b. Provide direction in response to the Executive Director's report and recommendations. c. Approve an agreement with Marc Beyeler/MBA Consultants in the amount of \$7,000 to assist in developing scopes of work for the sea level rise CRSMP update and development of adaptation tools and to identify grant opportunities and assist in the preparation of grant applications to fund this effort.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Director explained that BEACON has developed a strategy for updating the Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan (CRSMP) which was adopted by the Board in 2009. The update would include sea level rise and coastal inundation data. • Gerald Comati, Program Manager expanded on the formulated strategy for the CRSMP update as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The strategy is broken down into three distinct tasks. The first is to assess the recently completed seal level rise and coastal inundation projection studies completed for Ventura and Santa Barbara counties and develop a vulnerability assessment of the BEACON coastline. Additional physical modeling utilizing USGS data will also be implemented as necessary is specific locations. This effort will conclude with a detailed picture of existing and projected inundation of the BEACON coastline that can be utilized as a resource for BEACON's member agencies. ➤ The second task is for BEACON is to develop a tool-box for the BEACON member agencies for use in formulating a path forward for their coast and inclusion into their LCP Amendments. The task would consist of taking the projection and vulnerability data described under Task 1 and model "what-if" scenarios at select locations. Scenarios would consist of options such as ongoing nourishment, beach containment technology (artificial reefs), or adaptation options (managed retreat). These analyses along with policy options would be made available to the BEACON member agencies for consideration. ➤ The third task would amount to the actual update to the BEACON CRSMP. The current CRSMP includes a range of capital projects and policy recommendations . These would be re-assessed in the context of the sea-level rise and inundation data developed under task 1. Staff will then amend the plan to include the SLR and inundation data and include only truly regional projects and policies. • The Board requested that Staff present the strategy and progress data to the local agencies on a regular basis. ACTION. • The Board questioned how the locations of specific new modeling by USGS would be selected? Staff responded that criteria such as lowland areas, degree of infrastructure vulnerability and population density would likely be used. • The Board requested that the coastal resources defined be made available to the public. ACTION. • The Board endorsed the outlined strategy for the CRSMP update.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board approved the contract with Marc Beyeler/MBA consultants to assist BEACON staff on this effort.
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Item	9	<p>Regional Sediment Management Dredging Project</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Receive a report on the BEACON initiative to seek funding for a Regional Sediment Management dredging project for the three harbors within the BEACON jurisdiction. b. Receive direction from Board to proceed with the development of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between BEACON and the three harbor district regarding the details of the proposed Regional Sediment Management dredging project.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gerald Comati, Program Manager, explained that Staff is pursuing grant funding opportunities to fund a Regional Sediment Management project to dredge excess sand from each of the three harbors. Such a project may be a more economical way for BEACON to nourish local beaches since we would be working with US Army Corps of Engineers (USCOE) contractors that are already mobilized and in the process of performing federally-authorized dredging at each harbor. Such a project would enable BEACON to increase the amount of sand on local beaches in in the most cost effective and regionally responsible manner and would contribute immediately to the longevity and health of our coastline especially in light of projected sea level rise and coastal inundation. Staff has met with the Harbor District and they are supportive. The next step would be to prepare a Memorandum of Agreement between BEACON and the Harbor District. Staff has also discussed this project with the Division of Boating and Waterways and they appear very supportive. A grant application in the order of approx. \$2M could be prepared this fall with potential approval in the summer of 2016 and availability of funding in 2017. The Board directed staff to proceed with preparation of the MOA and have the Harbor District approve the content before bring it back to the Board for approval. ACTION.

Item	10	<p>Membership Dues.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Receive a report on Membership Dues. b. Authorize the Executive Director to send out the membership dues requests for FY1516.
Minutes/ Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive Director indicated that this item was included on the agenda at the request of Director Farr from the City of Goleta. The membership dues have not changed for a number of years and as reflected in the Staff Report. The dues are based on a sliding scale depending on the size of the jurisdiction. The highest dues are paid by the two counties, then a smaller due is paid by the three large cities (Santa Barbara, Ventura and Oxnard). The smallest annual due is paid by the small cities (Goleta, Carpinteria and Port Hueneme). The City of Ventura does pays slightly reduced dues because of the administrative support services provided to BEACON at no cost by the City.

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Item	11 Executive Director's Report and Communications.
Minutes/ Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="341 488 1398 577">• The Executive Director indicated that he had been contacted by a student from UCSB interested in interning with BEACON. She is studying marine studies. The ED will meet with her in the fall. ACTION.<li data-bbox="341 584 1406 833">• Kevin Ready, legal counsel for BEACON, indicated that he is involved, for the County of SB, in the Refugio Beach Oil Spill Cleanup. Damage claims against the responsible oil company are beginning to be submitted. Kevin had noticed that thousands of cubic yards of oil contaminated sand have been removed from impacted beaches and taken to a hazardous waste site. Based on this and consistent with BEACON's mission involving "Clean Oceans", Kevin suggested that BEACON submit a claim for the cost to replenish the sand that had been removed. Staff will assess what this cost might be and will bring back a report to the Board in September. ACTION.

Meeting Minutes by Gerald Comati, Program Manager, BEACON.

Adjourn to next regular meeting, September 18, 2015 at 9:00 AM in Carpinteria City Hall